(a) whether Government have taken any decision to check the hostile attitude of the witnesses before the Magistrate which ultimately result in the acquittal of the accused; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when an amendment in the Cr. P.C. is likely to be made and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) To prevent the evil of witness turning hostile, a Bill namely, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2003 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 2003 which, *inter alia,* proposed to amend Sections 161,162 and 344 and to insert new sections 164A and 344A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The proposed amendments, require that the statements of all persons which appear to be material and essential for proper investigation of the case relating to offences punishable with death or imprisonment for seven years or more shall be recorded on oath by Magistrate who will also satisfy himself that such person is making the statement voluntarily and not under any inducement, threat or promise. Also, it has been proposed to have a provision for summary trial for perjury and to enhance the punishment for perjury after the summary trial.

Opening of station in Srinagar by UK Police

820. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that UK police is planning to open a station in Srinagar in an attempt to deal with criminal who target Britain from India;

(b) whether UK Government have made any request, formal or informal to allow the UK police to open a base in Srinagar for the purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Road accidents in Delhi

821. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and seriously injured, separately, during 2003, so far, in road accidents in Delhi;

(b) the number out of them caused by trucks, blue line/green line buses under D.T.C. separately;

(c) whether action under Motor Vehicles Act to suspend and cancel the licenses of the vehicles which caused serious accidents due to rash and negligent driving during the last three years, was taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) During the year 2003(upto 30.11.2003), 7251 persons were injured and 1635 killed in road accidents in Delhi.

(b) The requisite details are as follows:

Description of the Vehicle	Injured	Killed
Heavy Traffic Vehicle/Goods-Truck	667	297
Blue Line/Green Line Bus	129	60
Delhi Transport Corporation Bus	84	35

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The number of cases in which Delhi Police suspended the permits of the vehicles ivolved in rash and negligent driving during the last three years was as follows:

2001	27451
2002	30092
2003 (30.11.2003)	21286

(e) Does not arise.